



Agricultural Outlook Forum 2005

Science, Policy, Markets—What's Ahead?

Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, Virginia

Preliminary Program

Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005

7:15	Registration opens , Continental Breakfast				
8:30	Welcome , Chief Economist				
8:40	2005 Agricultural, Trade and Policy Prospects Chief Economist and Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services				
9:10	Opening Address , Secretary of Agriculture				
9:40	Keynote Speaker , Norman Borlaug, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate , invited				
10:15	Coffee Break				
10:45	Plenary Panel: A 360-Degree View of Science and Agricultural Policy				
12:30	Networking Luncheon, Exhibit Hall opens				
1:00	2005 Retail Food Price Outlook				
1:45	Science and Agriculture	Farm and Trade Policy	Renewable Energy	Farming and Rural America	Food and Consumers
	New Challenges To Safeguarding Animal and Human Health	Globalization and the Role of the WTO	Long-term Energy Supply and Price Prospects	2005 Farm Finance Outlook	The New Dietary Guidelines and Food Guidance System
3:30	Refreshment Break				
3:45	Forging Harmonized International Safeguards	Forces Shaping the Next Farm Policy Debate	Bio-fuel Issues -- Local Economic Benefits, Co-product Supplies , Future Technologies	New Dimensions in Risk Management	Impact of Alternative Retail Outlets on Supply, Demand and Prices
	Shaping Science and Technology Policies in Developing Countries To Facilitate Trade				
5:30	Cash Bar Reception				
6:30	Forum Dinner , Kathleen Bader, CEO, Cargill Dow LLC , invited				

Friday, February 25

7:15	Registration opens , Continental Breakfast, Exhibit Hall open				
	Science and Agriculture	Farm and Trade Policy	2005 Market Outlook	Farming and Rural America	Food and Consumers
8:15	Enhancing and Harmonizing Science-Based Food Safety Policies in the Hemisphere	Conservation Programs in the Next Farm Bill	Grains and Oilseeds Outlook Which Avenue for Sugar Trade Reform ?	Succession Planning for an Aging Farm Population	Celebrating 90 Years of USDA Market News Reporting
10:00	Coffee Break				
10:30		The Future of North American Market Integration under NAFTA	Livestock and Poultry Outlook Cotton and Fibers Outlook	Rural Development Programs in the Next Farm Bill	Direct and Niche Marketing Brings Local Food to Local People
12:15	Cash Bar Reception				
12:45	Grains, Oilseeds and Livestock Luncheon	Sugar and Sweeteners Luncheon	Cotton and Fibers Luncheon		Horticulture Luncheon
2:15	Science and Agriculture	Farm and Trade Policy	2005 Market Outlook		Food and Consumers
	Responding to the Challenge of Invasive Species	The Biosafety Protocol and the WTO—Trade Conflict or Compatible?	Milk and Dairy Products Outlook		Preparing for Food Chain Disruptions
4:00	Adjourn				